

# *The Croton-on-Hudson* **Village Newsletter**

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## July

### Calendar

- 5 Independence Day
- 19 Village Board Mtg.
- 6 & 27 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 7 Cons. Advisory Council
- 14 Zoning Board
- 21 Water Control Comm.
- 21 VEB

## August

### Calendar

- 9 & 23 Village Board Mtg.
- 3 & 24 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 4 Cons. Advisory Council
- 18 Water Control Comm.
- 18 VEB

## **New Radio Tower for Croton**

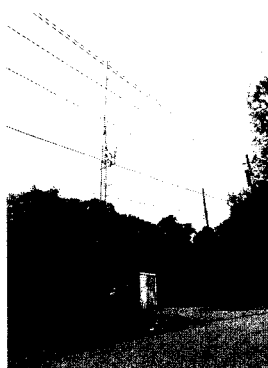
This summer the Village's radio tower at the top of Hessian Hills Rd. will be replaced with a new tower and equipment building to more adequately meet Croton's needs. Gary Diggs from the Fire Dept. and Rich Corvinus from the Police Dept. have been working together to determine the requirements and write the specifications for the project.

The tower is used for radio communications by the Fire Dept., Police Dept. and the DPW. In addition, the tower is the emergency backup center for Peekskill.

Security issues, post 9/11, resulted in a closer look at the existing tower which was found to be vulnerable in multiple ways, not only in its accessibility but also its inadequacies in coverage and its frequent weather-related problems. Weather conditions often interfered with

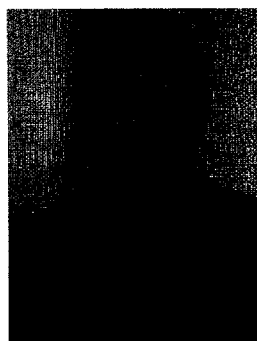
communications and the lack of environmental controls in the block house created temperature and moisture problems.

The new tower will be built further off the road than the current one. The project includes a new concrete base for both the tower and building, a new tower and antennas, and a radio-frequency controlled prefab building which will prevent interference to surrounding neighbors. There will also be a large new generator to keep equipment functioning during power outages. This generator will also power the pumps in the nearby Village water tank to maintain pressure during outages—a benefit to uphill neighbors. Additionally, some of the antiquated and weather-damaged radio equipment will be upgraded. A September completion is anticipated



Old tower on Hessian Hills

## **Treasurer Reardon Retires**



Robert Reardon

After 6 1/2 years as Croton's Treasurer, Robert 'Bob' Reardon has decided to retire with his family to Florida. Coming to Croton from Port Chester, where he was also Treasurer, Bob is credited with modernizing Croton's operations by introducing efficiencies in daily operations and through greater computerization of the government. Outside of his Treasurer responsibilities, Bob assumed management of the parking lot which accounts for more than 50% of non-tax revenues in Croton. Changes made under his oversight include more secure holograph permits, use of lock boxes, issuing permits on a quarterly basis and introduction of a debit payment system. Bob feels one of his greatest achievements was a significant increase in the size of the fund balance. By streamlining office functions such as the billing cycle and other operations like the new radio-transmitted water meter reading, Bob has found ways to make money for the Village.

Bob will be leaving in July but hopes to work in government in Florida after his move.

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## SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

### MOVIES

Movies are on Wednesdays at Senasqua Park beginning at dusk. In case of rain, they will be shown the next evening.

**July 7 JIMMY NEUTRON! BOY GENIUS (G)**

Jimmy and his robot dog Goddard undertake a daring rescue mission to save the Earth from evil aliens.

**July 14 MONSTORS INC. (G)**

An animated feature that shows life behind the scenes of things that go bump in the night.

**July 21 BACK TO THE FUTURE (PG)**

1980's teenager, Marty McFly, goes back in time to 1955 where he accidentally changes the future.

**July 28 THE ROOKIE (PG)**

True story of injured minor league baseball player who succeeds in getting on a major league team.

**August 4 HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)**

Join Harry and his friends as they go to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

### CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays at 7:00 PM in Senasqua Park. Rain date is Saturday night.

**July 2 WEST OF CENTER**

Local musicians play & sing a variety of musical styles.

**July 9 SECOND WIND**

Popular locals are back to entertain you again this year.

**July 16 FALLOUT**

Ever popular Croton band known for their powerful vocals will once again rock.

**July 23 BLUE WATER**

Croton band plays acoustic and electric rock..

**July 30 DOC ROC**

Join Croton's local pediatrician Larry Baskind and his band for a night of fun.

**August 6 UNCHAINED**

Join local resident Dan Howald and his band for music and fun.

### FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

\*\*\*All these special performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7pm except the July 22 event will be at Vassallo Park at 10 am.

In case of rain, the performances will be at C.E.T. Elementary School.

**JULY 8 CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL CELEBRATION**—This exuberant performance celebrates Latin American music featuring reggae and dazzling keyboard skills. It's a unique and interactive musical event. Bring everyone down to the Park.

**JULY 15 VON EM**—Looking to unwind this weekend? Croton Recreation Department presents the captivating groove of Von Em. With the Hudson River as a backdrop, this promises to be a beautiful evening.

**JULY 22 ANNA E. KRAVIS' SUMMER FUN CONCERT**—This is an interactive musical show for young children. Sing-a-longs, dance-a-longs, musical stories, puppets, games and magical effects get and keep children engaged and participating. (NOTE: This event is in Vassallo Park at 10 am.)

**JULY 29 POLYNESIAN EXTRAVAGANZA!**—Dancers will perform various dances from Tahiti and New Zealand using fire and swords. Don't miss this high energy Polynesian performance.

**AUGUST 5 BUCKY & GIGI**—Bucky & Gigi combine side-splitting comedy, mesmerizing magic and stupendous skills for a fun-filled family show.



The Summer Entertainment above has all been made possible by the generosity of over 26 local Croton businesses, professionals and individuals in conjunction with the Croton Parks and Recreation Department.



#### Reminder!

The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th for the National Holiday!

## Spotlight on Rich Corvinus

Sergeant Rich Corvinus has been a Croton Police Officer since 1988. Prior to that, Rich was Ass't. Village Mechanic before deciding to make a career change. After taking the Civil Service exam and scoring #1 on the local list, he joined the Croton Police.

Now, as a Patrol Sergeant, Rich oversees a tour of patrolmen. He is also in charge of the Dept.'s radio communications, telephone and information systems. He has written several grants to help support and enhance these systems.

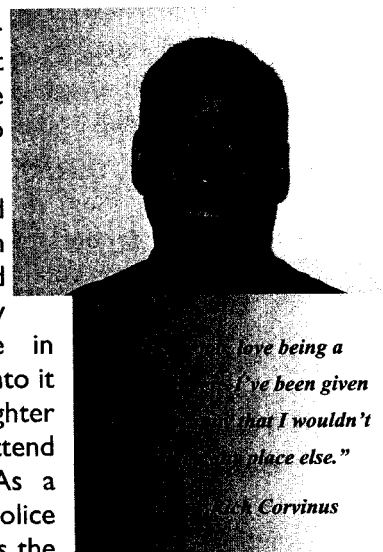
When he began working with the Police Dept., computer use was primarily for word processing and a

simple data base. Nowadays, patrolmen have access to the DMV from their cars and he is working on providing wireless access from the cars to the dispatch desk. This would be a big aid in quickly relaying information and for such things as filing motor vehicle accident reports on the spot. Soon he will be doing on-site testing of this wireless system with routers being mounted on phone poles and village-owned buildings as required.

He is also working on an upgrade to the Record Management System, a data base kept by the department. Rich particularly likes the aspect of his job that calls for quick thinking and de-

cision-making, something he feels that few jobs require. He finds it satisfying to do it right.

Rich was born and raised in Croton. In his spare time, he and his wife recently renovated a house in Croton and moved into it along with his daughter and son. Both attend Croton schools. As a member of the Police Scuba team he enjoys the twice monthly practices as well as an occasional round of golf. He also continues works on an A.S. degree in Information Systems at WCC.



*I love being a  
I've been given  
that I wouldn't  
place else."*

*Rich Corvinus*

### Recreation Awards



On June 4th the Westchester Recreation and Park Society, Inc. (WRAPS) honored Doreen and Gary Petit with a Staff Associate Award for their work in directing the Croton Youth Program since 1988. About 95% of the school population participates in this program. There are 75-80 programs yearly and the Petit's do the planning and execution of them, also recruiting and hiring chaperones to assist them with supervision. The Petit's have

been exceptionally successful at keeping high school aged youth involved in programs—a very difficult job to do.

At the same occasion, WRAPS honored Parks & Recreation Superintendent Susan Menz with a "Professional Service Award" for her 15 years of service in the field of Parks & Recreation.



### Dog Reminder!

Now that the summer months are here and people are using the sidewalks and parks more than ever, it is important that people walking their dogs remember they are required to remove

all feces and deposit them in an airtight container. Also Chapter 108 of the Village Code clearly states that dogs are prohibited in any public park, playground or school property whether or not they are on a leash. You can help eliminate dog-related problems by following the rules about dog walking and cleanup. Be a good neighbor!

### Summer Schedules

Seniors: Friday summer meetings will be held at Senasqua Park, weather permitting.

Skatepark: July/August through Sept. 3rd -

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| Mon—Fri  | All ages         | 12noon—7pm |
| Weekends | 10 years & under | 11am—12am  |
| Weekends | All ages         | 12noon—6pm |
| Weekends | 11 years & older | 6pm—8pm    |

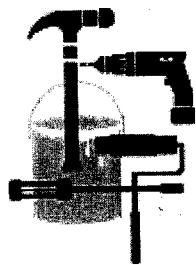
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## Got a Question?



### **I am considering some remodeling at my home. What do I need to know about hiring a home contractor?**

Westchester County recently sent a letter to local governments asking them to remind residents that home improvement contractors doing business in the county must have a county-issued license. Violations are misdemeanors. Unfortunately, many residents are unaware of the licensing requirement and whom it regulates. According to the Westchester



County Consumer Code, the definition of 'home improvement' is expansive. It includes: Waterproofing, exterior siding, awnings, leaders and gutters, decks, patios, garage, carports and additional rooms, storm and/or replacement windows and doors, roofs, driveways and walkways, kitchens and bathrooms, ma-

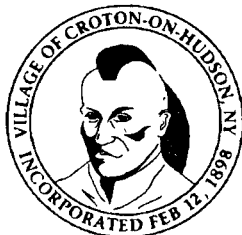
sonry, fence installations, chimney maintenance, exterior painting, landscaping, (not seasonal and routine maintenance, arboriculture, tile setters,

swimming pools, and other similar improvements. If you wish to check if a particular contractor has a Westchester Home Improvement license, you can check on-line at [www.westchestergov.com/consumer](http://www.westchestergov.com/consumer)

### **LOGO Development**

The Village's Visual Environment Board (VEB) has been authorized by the Village Board to develop a detailed scope of effort with local graphic artist, Elton Robinson, for the purpose of designing a Village logo. Currently, there is no official logo. For many years, an Iroquois Indian Head has been in general use but it was never official. Other logos have also been used—most recently a sailboat on the river. In an effort to establish consistent logo imagery, the VEB drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the design of a new Village logo. Nine proposals were submitted, and, after lengthy discussion and interviews, Mr. Robinson was selected. Extensive public input is desired for this project. You can provide your ideas by going to the Village website and click on the "Send Us Comments" bar at the bottom of the Home Page - [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov)

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